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Joanne M. Giesser MERCK & CO., INC. P.O. Box 2000 Rahway, NJ 07065-0907 In Re: Patent Term Extension
Application for
U.S. Patent No. 5,820,870

Dear Ms. Giesser:

A certificate under 35 U.S.C. § 156 is enclosed extending the term of U.S. Patent No. 5,820,870 for a period of 1,199 days. While a courtesy copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), you should directly correspond with the FDA regarding any required changes to patent expiration dates.

Inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Raul Tamayo by telephone at (571) 272-7728, or by e-mail at raul.tamayo@uspto.gov.

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Office of Regulatory Policy Food and Drug Administration 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 51, Rm. 6222 Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002

Attention: Beverly Friedman

RE: Gardasil® (Quadrivalent Human Papillomavirus Recombinant Vaccine) FDA Docket No.: 2006E-0501

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(12) CERTIFICATE EXTENDING PATENT TERM UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 156

(68) PATENT NO. : 5,820,870

(45) ISSUED : October 13, 1998

(75) INVENTOR : Joseph G. Joyce, et al.

(73) PATENT OWNER : Merck & Co., Inc.

(95) PRODUCT : Gardasil® (Quadrivalent Human

Papillomavirus Recombinant Vaccine)

This is to certify that an application under 35 U.S.C. § 156 has been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, requesting extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 5,820,870 based upon the regulatory review of the product Gardasil® (Quadrivalent Human Papillomavirus Recombinant Vaccine) by the Food and Drug Administration. Since it appears that the requirements of the law have been met, this certificate extends the term of the patent for the period of

(94) 1,199 days

from October 13, 2015, the original expiration date of the patent, subject to the payment of maintenance fees as provided by law, with all rights pertaining thereto as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 156(b).



I have caused the seal of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to be affixed this <u>16th day</u> of <u>June</u> <u>2008</u>.

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Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office